Observance of 'Jharkhand Bandh' by Jharkhand Mukti Morcha

302. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha will observe 'Jharkhand Bandh' on 2nd December, 1987 unless the Central Government agreed to discuss its demand for a separate state;

(b) whether the Central Government intend to hold talks with Jharkhand Mukti Morcha; and

(c) what is the stand of the Central Government on its demand for a separate State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Such demand arises on account of economic imbalances. The Government of India are of the view that such imbalances in a particular State or region should be tackled through the mechanism of planning and that the creation of a Separate State may not be the answer to the problem.

Collections from Small Savings

303. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that collections from small savings may decline further because of lowering of the rates of interest from April 1, 1987; and

(b) what are the details of the incentives Government intend to declare for making small savings attractive?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) Lesser deposits in some small savings schemes have been noticed. A new monthly income scheme has already been introduced on 15th August, 1987. A special drive for three months from 2nd October, 1987 has been launched to improve the collections.

Financial Assistance received by NTC

304. SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of financial assistance the National Textile Corporation has received from various financial institutions including the World Bank and the Overseas Economic Co-operation Fund till now;

(b) how this money has been distributed amongst the NTC mills, State-wise, and the details of distribution; and

(c) what are the results achieved so far?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) NTC has received financial assistance of Rs. 132.08 crores from IDBI and IFCI as on 30-9-87. So far no financial assistance has been received by NTC from the World Bank and the Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund.

(b) A statement showing state-wise position of financial assistance given by IDBI and IFCI to NTC subsidiaries/mills upto 30-9-87 is attached. (*See* below)

(c) The funds received from financial institutions have been utilised for various modernisation schemes of NTC mills. NTC has been able to improve its performance in certain technical parameters.